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SUBJECT: IVORIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF DAHOMEAN EVENTS

REF: COTONOU 862

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, IVORIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF UNREST IN DAHOMEY FOLLOWING AIKPE MURDER MINIMAL. FIRST MENTION IN ONLY DAILY, THE OFFICIAL FRATERNITE MATIN, APPEARED JUNE 24. BRIEF STORY FOLLOWED OFFICIAL DAHOMEAN REPORT OF ADULTERY. NO MENTION IN TODAY'S EDITION.

2. IVORIAN PRESS AGENCY DAILY BULLETIN JUNE 24, WITH MAIN DISTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, CARRIED LONG STORY. FIRST PART REHASH DAHOMEAN OFFICIAL VERSION. CITES ARTICLE OF NIGERIAN DAILY TIMES COTONOU CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH REPORT OF DEMONSTRATIONS, PRISON BREAK-INS CONFORM WITH YOUR REFTEL.

ALSO CITES DAKAR'S LE SOLEIL HYPOTHESIS THAT YOUNG MARXIST "LI-GUEURS", TO WHICH AIKPE BELONGED, WERE PLANNING TO GET RID OF KEREKOU, WHO HAD UPSET THEM WITH 'L' AFFAIRE KOVACKS'; KEREKOU BEAT A IKPE

THE PUNCH. LE SOLEIL ALSO DESCRIBED AIKPE AS MOST POPULAR PERSON IN ARMY ("LE PLUS ECOUTE DE SON ARMEE").

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